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in the United States, are not required to obtain a United States bill of health. This is in accordance with instruction contained in a circular letter issued by the United States State Department, May 20, 1899, and inclosing United States Treasury Circular No. 64, dated April 24, 1899, stating that bills of health are not required from any port where there is no United States consul or consular officer.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *February 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended February 26, 1900, 4 vessels were inspected and received bills of health at this port. The steamship *Maasdam* sailed for New York on the 21st instant, carrying passengers and a general cargo. There were inspected 235 steerage passengers and 97 pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled and 38 pieces of baggage were disinfected and labeled. Her cargo was satisfactory. The health of this port continues to be good.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Plague in Manila.

MANILA, P. I., *February 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that during the two weeks ended February 3, 1900, there were 10 cases and 6 deaths from plague reported in Manila, Philippine Islands.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *February 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended February 17, 1900: On February 13, cleared the steamship *Corean* for New York. There were inspected and passed 2 first and 14 second cabin and 33 steerage passengers with their baggage. Three feather beds were held for disinfection. The cargo was of local origin with the exception of 73 bales of new bags from Calcutta. I inclose herewith the abstract of the bill of health issued to this vessel.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.